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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): James W. Forbes

For (title): DROPPED DECK CENTER BEAM RAIL ROAD CAR

1. Type of Application

This application is for a continuation.

2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Applications (35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e), 120, or 121)

The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. applications. Enclosed are
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56,439, at 56,442.

3. Papers Enclosed

Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. § 1.153 (Design)
Application

29 Page(s) of Specification

14 Page(s) of Claims

14 Sheet(s) of Drawing(s)--Formal

4. Declaration or Oath

Not Enclosed.

5. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same.

6. Language

English

7. Assignment

An assignment of the invention to National Steel Car Limited will follow.

8. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

Regular Application

CLAIMS AS FILED										
Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a) \$770.00										
Number Filed			Number Extra			Rate				
Total										
Claims (37 C.F.R § 1.16(c))	56	–	20	=	36	x	\$ 18.00	=	\$	648.00
Independent										
Claims (37 C.F.R § 1.16(b))	6	–	3	=	3	x	\$ 86.00	=	\$	258.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R § 1.16(d))							\$ 290.00	\$		

Filing Fee Calculation

\$1,676.00

9. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

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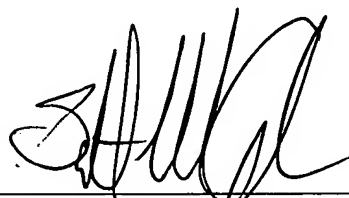
10. Relate Back

"This application is a continuation of copending application number 09/804,050 filed on March 12, 2001 which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application 09/705,056 filed November 2, 2000, now abandoned"

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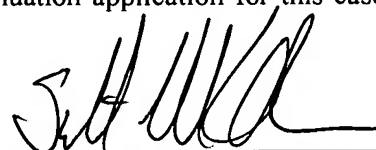
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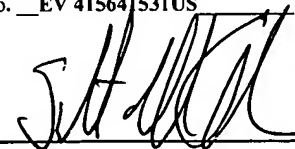
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